



## **City of Virginia Beach Volunteer Job Description**

DEPARTMENT:	Fire Department - 437-4811
JOB TITLE:	Community Emergency Response Team Member
GOAL:	To provide the community with trained responders in the event of a natural or man-made disaster where emergency first responders are delayed or unable to respond to the scene. CERT members will be able to identify the scope of the problem, determine an overall strategy and deploy resources.
DUTIES:	<p>Members will perform light search and rescue in damaged buildings.</p> <p>Members will identify potentially dangerous materials in storage or in transit and respond to any hazardous materials situation in a safe manner.</p> <p>Members will identify possible terrorism targets within the community and identify actions to take following a suspected terrorism event.</p> <p>Members will evaluate fires, assess firefighting resources and determine the course of action. They will extinguish small fires, and shut off natural gas supplies.</p> <p>Members will triage a disaster scene by performing a basic head to toe evaluation and basic first aid on victims (recognizing and controlling life-threatening conditions) and will establish medical treatment areas.</p> <p>Members will assist fellow team members and victims of a disaster by utilizing information learned about the psychological impact of a disaster on rescuers and the victims.</p> <p>Members will be knowledgeable about safety precautions for “before and during” a disaster and will assist the community in being prepared for such</p>

a disaster by disseminating information to the public.

Members will organize and deploy volunteer resources according to CERT organizational principles.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Must be at least 18 years of age.

Have a desire to assist the community.

Have a commitment to continuing education.

Agree to a criminal records check that may disqualify the potential member.

Attend all 9 mandatory classes.

**TIME COMMITMENT:**

33 hours of mandatory training  
Continuing education (at least 8 hours a year).  
Volunteer to assist with city events.  
Respond in the event of a disaster.

**TRAINING AND BENEFITS:**

The city provides a nine-unit training class, held in the evenings and on Saturdays (thirty-three hours total). The schedule will vary.

The member will gain valuable life-saving skills that can be used in various situations.

**SUPERVISION:**

Cappy Meredith, 437-6213  
Community Emergency Response Team, Manager  
Virginia Beach Fire Department